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172. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI :
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has decided to revamp and overhaul institutions and museums including Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) to reflect contributions of modern India;

b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

c) whether an attempt is being made to dilute the legacy of India's first Prime Minister and the Government noted the protest against this move; and

d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b): Any institution to remain relevant has to have an inbuilt system of reinventing and reinvigorating itself, without changing the core values and basic structure of the institutions. Wider information and ideas have to be incorporated. However, the basic values and basic character of these institutes are not to be changed/ altered. In museums, 14 points listed for museum reforms are implemented to improve visitors facilities, guide facilities, opening of new galleries, conservation, restoration, professional development of museum personnel, security etc.

(c): No Madam.

(d): Does not arise.